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## **An Advocacy for a Better World**

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Behind every great nation lie the achievements of every people- our achievements- woven together into a reality. But our country is not yet a great nation, let alone we live in a great world. However, we may do something to make it a better place, a better world to live in. Being a student limits my potential to contribute greatly for the sake of our world, but I hope that through this essay, I can convince you to have a motive the same as my vision of this world; bountiful, fresh, peaceful, sweet, poverty-free, honest, modest, and above all, God-fearing. Yes, this objective is extremely hard, but Rome was not built in a day nor constructed by one man, so I need your help to make this into a reality. I can contribute to a better world by helping our Mother Nature, being at service for our country, for others and for everybody, and being disciplined through a strong belief in our faith.

Mother Nature gave us everything we need; she gave us trees for our homes, she gave fruits for our hunger, and she gave the flowers, the trees, the mountains, the rivers, the seas and everything else in the world for our pleasure. And what have we done to repay such benevolent gifts? We reward it with greed, destruction abuse, corruption, virulence, and other human activities that rape our environment to its downfall. Without nature, the world is but a barren place isolated by time. It is up to us now to conserve our world by helping our Mother Nature to rise up again. The question is not what but when- when will we help our mother nature? We have the materials to restore and clean it, but our boredom and shallowness delay us from doing it. Even the world will soon meet death, but I just hope that it is not because of man's fault and ignorance to its environment- because of man's unethical and illegal disposal of waste that it will cause massive pollution to land, sea, and air, that it will cause virulent hurricanes and tsunamis, hazardous air, acid rains and such that would cause the fatality of many, and that plains, mountains and plateaus would be so covered with garbage that it would render earth inhabitable to humans and create a community for plagues, diseases, and calamities that would soon vanquish all life here on earth. This I can avoid by starting to clean up my environment, join environmental activities like tree-planting, and conserve nature by following the laws of the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources that protects a variety of wildlife organisms from extinction. The time is now- let us make the world a better, cleaner, and safer place to live in.

It is not only our environment that needs attention but our government- our people, our world brothers and sisters- needs our help. Humanitarian acts do not only involve our own nation, but other nations as well. By bridging charity and the government together can we achieve a state where blessings shall rain on those who rightfully needs it. Moreover, poverty-stricken countries can be helped given the right connections, making allegiances from one nation to another and contributing to a peaceful world. This would be achieved if, and only if, we help each other- we help the government in their plans for us, and we help ourselves in attaining this goal. Being a citizen of the Philippines, I can contribute to this advocacy by obliging myself the responsibility of following the rules, helping my fellow brothers and sisters to rise, and supporting the plans of our government instrumental to our vision of a better world. Any contribution given by any man can greatly affect the outcome of our advocacy, and each of this

contribution would make the key to release us from this poverty, and grants abundance and peace to everyone.

Above all, our religion connotes discipline, humility, and unity with each other. Whether as a Muslim, a Christian, or any religion in general, we all have a God whom we respect dearly. Even in the belief of an atheist or a man of science knows respect to others as well. We, as human beings, are all of the same kind- we live, we love and we learn. And as far as discipline for oneself goes, respecting others is the key to understanding one another. From faith, we gather courage and respect, and from actions, we do what is right and essential for a better world. And from that idea, unity shall come in the hearts of everyone. It is either unity with each other or seriously destroying our population- destroying ourselves in the process- and give up the idea of a better world. As an individual, I would chose unity over war, and this I can achieve through having discipline and respect for myself and for others, being a good disciple in my community, and loving my brothers and sisters as we are one big family. Besides, God will help us achieve a better world if only unity, respect, and discipline exist in each one of us.

In a nutshell, I can contribute to a better world by having the essential moral values like love, peace, unity, respect, and discipline in myself, and acting upon my own advocacy to a better future of our world. It is quite a hard task for me to do it, so I will need your help to attain this goal. Like Efren Penaflorida said, "We are one great tapestry." We should all contribute for a better world, and through this essay, I shout my call for a better future. This is my part, my contribution. What is yours?

## **My Contribution to a Better Future**

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A better future is a time when violence, sufferings, discrimination, cruelty and ignorance among the people is no more. We are all familiar with the saying, “the youth is the hope of our nation” aren’t we? After are parents are gone, our generation will be the next to dominate the lands. But what can I, you or them contribute for us to have a better future? Our future depends on us.

The future that I longed for is a future that is of good governance, which shall make the people united. I see the future with peace and harmony. No more greed, selfishness and grieving. All will be working together as one. Everybody cares for one another.

Today, I have seen and observed a lot of things that could be hindrances to my dreamed future. The gangsters are influencing the youth. The rich are building high walls for the poor and the not to reach them and the natives’ ignorance to the new world. These selfishness and greed of the people and the destruction of our nature. All these things, I consider as hindrances to my dream of a better future.

Everyone has chance to have a better future. Our future depends on us so we must take good care of ourselves and do what is right. As a student, I am still shaping my future and I want it to be a better one, better than what I am experiencing today at the present. I would do my best on my studies for me to acquire my needed knowledge and to prepare myself for the future. That is the best that I can do as of now.

The only contributions that I can give are, for me to be an educated person and to be a way of education for others. I will share to them my knowledge, my learning. I won’t waste my chance to do that. Isn’t it a pleasure to see that others are also enjoying the luxury of being educated as well as we do? Isn’t it nice to live, give and share with others a better future?

## **“HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER FUTURE”**

**(Simplicity and Discipline)**

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A better future means a better place, better values and better people where everybody feel comfortable and contented. Is it not good that everybody will feel this way? We do not need a perfect community, what we need is a change. A big change for the better future.

Are you not afraid of what is happening to our country now? Hostages, gang rapes, corruption and poverty are just some of the incidents happening to our country. Everybody, please open up your eyes to see the real world. Open your eyes just like what I did, then ask, “How can I contribute to a better future?”

Do you want a better place? Why not do simple ways to have this. Let us preserve electricity, preserve water, do proper disposal of garbage, pick candy wrappers, clean our backyards, plant trees, stop illegal logging, stop throwing garbage to the seas and rivers, stop burning plastics and give love to our nature.

Simple ways are enough. If you want a change, start from yourself, sacrifice your wants and help to give the needs of others. Maybe 1 2 3 4 5 days is enough to do this. Cooperate, give hope, have faith and love to yourself, your neighbor and your country. By then, you will have the inspiration to contribute for better future.

I know, through this essay. I already contribute something helpful to have a better future. With this simple knowledge and awareness, it is madly seen that I care for my country, for my family, for my friends, myself and for everything that God has given us.

## **“Is There Still A Way Out?”**

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Bombs, guns and weapons, hunger, thirst, blood-Filipino versus Filipino, military against armed forces, innocent civilians are between. We heard the loud “bang-bang” of guns. Days and nights counted before it cease. Fears and fright filled our hearts. August 2008 when that frightful battle between the MILF and AFP in the municipality of Maasim.

“Pax opus justicia”—peace is the product of justice as they said. Year 2007, a second year high school student somewhere in Maasim was raped and killed but still injustice until now. September 23, 2010, the Municipal Hall of Maasim burned and no one knows how, who and what the reason why it was happened is. Until now, no municipal hall has been rebuilt. How can we gain peace if is no justice? Are the government officials inactive?

Nowadays, people are more on speech rather on actions. As for me, I would rather be a leader and be a good model of today’s youths and follow the words “Don’t tell, show”. We are government ourselves so each of us is a leader. In order to gain, we must be a good leader. A good leader has exemplary characters. Leaders are enthusiastic about their roles as a leader. They need to function in an orderly and purposeful manner in situation of uncertain and are committed to excellence. Leaders are not dictators but indeed leaders are follower, server as well as model of good deeds. Is there still a way out?

Leaders can enable to empower an encourage the hearts so the first solution I can do is to be a good leader as well as a follower and server in myself. Because no one can change the world without starting it from themselves. Second, I will choose responsible leaders in our school and on our community. Third, I will cooperate and join to concern organizations that are aiming to solve the problems. I will obey the rules and laws properly and I can also contribute though my studies. Is there still a way out?

Words without actions are useless. So in order to attain our objectives, we must be a good leader. Being a leader, we can contribute to a better future of our selves, family, community, our country and the whole leader. By starting in the little things, we can create a better product if there are just cooperation and unity between us. We can do it for we are responsible leaders in ourselves. We can do it for we cares! Because we are leaders! If, however we cannot make it, we must just “make ourselves more useful” and involve in local and national elections, always remember “Honesty is the best policy” and say “Ako ang simula ng pagbabago” not in words of promise but in action to help pull our country forward and gain a better and brighter future.

## **HOW I CAN CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER FUTURE**

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Everyone has a right to love and must be love, but then, why is it there are many people discriminating other tribes, especially Indigenous people? Aren't they human? Don't they have freedom to go anywhere they want? Why do other people don't like Indigenous people? These are the questions in my mind that until now I don't know the answer, although my friends told me something relevant in these questions, still I'm not satisfied.

Many people underestimating what an Indigenous People can do. They are not happy to mingle with Indigenous People. They judge Indigenous People in a lower standard, uneducated, not important in the community, they don't respect them, and they say Indigenous People can do but nothing. They do these because they don't understand Indigenous People. Indigenous live in a mountain, that is why they discriminate them, but why, mountain is their nature, their culture and the place where they are happy and comfortable. Do other people don't know that this culture is very rich among the rest? Then I must be proud to say that I'm belonging to this people.

As a half-blooded bla'an, I can say that I'm so lucky because the tribe that has is rich in culture-a culture that they give importance and preserve it by their forefather. If you were in my situation are you not going to be hurt? If you're not, then you don't love your own tribe, which nurture you since you born in this world until now! There are people understand bla'an but not all, instead majority do not.

In reaching better future is hard, but it can be possible if we going to cooperate. This present I always encounter this problem anywhere I go, even in America. We are aiming a better future, and then lets start it with a culture, promote understanding between one tribe to another so that the peace, happy and better future will exist in this world. Encourage Indigenous People to cooperate in any activities like sports and show what an Indigenous People can do, mingle and socialize to others.

Our future would be better if we treat each other equally, respect of who they are accept and love Indigenous People not only them but also all the people leaving in this world. Believing that the peace must be start in you, knowing that we are all human created by God. Leaving in a peaceful world is having a better future. And a better future is a future where there is no discrimination among people especially to those Indigenous People. We can get it if we want because there is no impossible if you believe.

## **WHAT IS A BETTER FUTURE**

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My family life is like a burning candle. You know why? First, because we are all in the family, brothers and sisters are there. There's no conflict inside the family. But you know, conflict and trials are part of our life right? It's up to us if how can we fight it. It's to us if how can we face it right? But this trials and obstacles are the measure of how strong are we? It's GOD way, that how can we beg him, call right? He gives it to us, to know that "he is the only GOD that everyone have his mercy.

Second the drops of it side. That drops means for me. It's liked my family, were not wholesome family anymore. Because we drop in a different places, because of problems. We didn't fight those trails because we're weak of faith in GOD. That's why we're easy to away it's other. Then now I will do my best to fight those trails, I will never give up, even though my father and I who were left in our house. I am the one who cares my father. Even though he is the reason why we're broken family. And now my mother was is manila, she gets a job to forget the bad doings of my father. Because my father has his other girl. That's why my mother went there.

And now the last, I will try to arrange these problems in order to have a better future. I will convince them to start and build again a happy family. Because their doings can affect to us. For their daughter like me, or my brothers right? If there's no understanding to each other how can we achieve or how can we reach this better future? I'll beg them. Will talk to them. I will make a way comeback again the past that make me happy and complete. Even I am so lazy and naughty. I hope that this Christmas they will hear me. I love you all.